

# | What is ECLID?

European Cultural and Linguistic Internet Domains (ECLID) is a working group of initiatives striving to obtain their own Internet domains for their cultures and languages.

## ECLID's founding members



**dotBZH** Bid for the Breton community. It will serve over 4 millions users and provide a unique branding tool to promote Cultural & Linguistic contents as well as Breton economic entities throughout the world. [www.pointbzh.com](http://www.pointbzh.com)



**dotCYM** Bid for the Welsh cultural and linguistic community which will provide a focal point for over three million people with connections to Wales all round the world, while at the same time strengthening local communities and local businesses. [www.dotcym.org](http://www.dotcym.org)



**dotEUS** will be the symbol that will foster the Basque Language and Culture Community in the Internet, which sums up more than seven million people all over the world. The initiative is supported by the most relevant institutions and associations and more than 25.000 individuals have shown their support in half a year. [www.puntueus.org](http://www.puntueus.org)



**dotGAL** Initiative in favour of a domain for the Galician language and culture, which will help connect the 4 million Galicians living around the world. The bid is firmly supported by thousands of companies, associations and individuals eager to have their own dot.gal. [www.puntogal.org](http://www.puntogal.org)



**dotSCOT** Not-for-profit community bid to provide a gTLD for the world wide Scots community of interest online, Scottish culture and Scotland's languages. It aims to provide individuals and organisations, both within and outwith Scotland, a unique identifier online to support and enhance Scots cultural life. [www.dot-scot.org](http://www.dot-scot.org)



## ECLID's advising member



**puntCAT** was the first cultural and linguistic domain (cITLD) and has shown that cultural and linguistic TLDs mean real value for their communities, giving them proper representation on the Internet, attracting new members to its use, boosting local business, and helping encourage successful digital futures for local cultures and languages.



With more than 37,000 domains and over 60 million documents indexed by search engines, .cat is a strong and healthy domain which has added value to the Internet, and which is well-monitored and safe, with an exceptionally low level of disputes. [www.domini.cat](http://www.domini.cat)

## We are more than dots on the net

**cITLDs - Bringing the Real World onto the Internet**  
**Multilingua lism is essential to ensure cultural diversity and participation for all linguistic groups in cyberspace.**

Internet users feel comfortable when reading or browsing through texts in their own language, and related to their own culture.

Our languages and cultures are vibrant and growing thanks to their raised profiles through the medium of books, schools, newspapers, radio and TV, and now, in the 21st century, the most powerful media in existence: the Internet. To maintain and increase this successful process it is absolutely crucial that we have our own space on the internet.

cITLDs will encourage Internet users to create new content related to their own culture, in their own languages, will bring new communities and new users online, and will help create a culturally richer, more vibrant and safer Internet.